

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A case having a slot in the periphery of the case, comprising:
a stop surface positioned on a first side of the slot;
a latch slidably attached on a second side of the slot, the second side being opposed to the first side, the latch comprising:
a main section having an extension; and
a tail section;
a flange for receiving the tail section, wherein the tail section provides a spring function that biases the extension of the latch to contact with stop surface.
2. (Original) A case as in claim 1 wherein the latch is integrally formed.
3. (Original) A case as in claim 1 wherein the case includes a rail and the latch engages the rail.
4. (Currently Amended) A case as in claim 1 wherein the tail section comprises a flat member that provides the spring function by flexing when compressed against the flange.
5. (Original) A case as in claim 1 wherein the latch is plastic.
6. (Original) A case as in claim 1 wherein the tail section comprises two lengthwise extending portions that are joined at the outer ends of the extending portions by a flat portion.
7. (Original) A case as in claim 6 wherein the flat portion includes a pin section for engagement with the flange.
8. (Original) A case as in claim 1 wherein the case encases a credit card device.

9. (Original) A case as in claim 1 wherein the latch further includes a thumb pad having a plurality of ridges.

10. (Currently Amended) A case having a slot in the periphery of the case, comprising:

- a stop surface positioned on a first side of the slot;

- a plastic latch slidably attached on a second side of the slot, the second side being opposed to the first side, the latch comprising:

- a main section having an extension;

- a thumb pad having a plurality of ridges; and

- a tail section including two lengthwise extending portions that are joined at the outer ends of the extending portions by a flat portion having a pin portion;

- a flange for receiving the pin portion of the tail section, wherein the tail section provides a spring function that biases the extension of the latch to contact with said stop surface.

11. (Original) A method for forming a latch in a case having a slot in the periphery of the case, comprising:

- providing a stop surface positioned on a first side of the slot;

- slidably attaching a latch on a second side of the slot, the second side being opposed to the first side, the latch comprising:

- a main section having an extension; and

- a tail section;

- providing a flange for receiving the tail section, wherein the tail section provides a spring function that biases the extension of the latch to contact with stop surface.

12. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the latch is integrally formed.

13. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the case includes a rail and the latch engages the rail.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 11 wherein the tail section comprises a flat member that provides the spring function by flexing when compressed against the flange.

15. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the latch is plastic.

16. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the tail section comprises two lengthwise extending portions that are joined at the outer ends of the extending portions by a flat portion.

17. (Original) A method as in claim 16 wherein the flat portion includes a pin section for engagement with the flange.

18. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the case encases a credit card device.

19. (Original) A method as in claim 11 wherein the latch further includes a thumb pad having a plurality of ridges.